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In re the Application of: : **Masamichi KASA, et al.**
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For: : **COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims with the following:

11. (Amended) The communication system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the transmission grant information includes physical layer OAM cell transmission grant information and data cell transmission grant information.

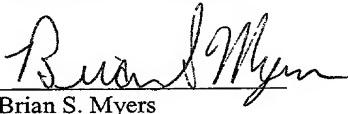
R E M A R K S

This amendment is being submitted to avoid multiple dependent claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

11. (Amended) The communication system as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 8 wherein the transmission grant information includes physical layer OAM cell transmission grant information and data cell transmission grant information.